## Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board Meeting February 21, 2006

## **Minutes of the Meeting**

## Members Present:

Chairman Tim Berry, Treasurer of State
Jerry Branock, Cingular Wireless, Wireless Carrier Representative
Chuck Mercer, Sprint Wireless, Wireless Carrier Representative
Cory Kihlstrom, Verizon Wireless, Wireless Carrier Representative (Designee)
Jim Alexander, PSAP Representative
Harold Williams, Jasper County Sheriff Dept,
Lori Forrer, PSAP Representative, Cass County Communications

## Others Present:

Duane Jasheway, Chief Accountant, Office of the State Treasurer Kenneth D. Lowden, ENP, Executive Director, Indiana Wireless Board John Okeson, ESQ, Indiana Wireless Board Counsel Mark Grady, INdigital Tom Milberger, T-Mobile Wireless Mona M. Brown, Cass County Prosecutors Office Tony McDowell, Revel Wireless Robert Bryant, WTH Engineering Mitzi Moss, London Witte Group

- I. Chairman Berry called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM and recognized a quorum was present and the meeting notice was posted in accordance with Indiana's open door law. Chairman Berry also recognized Cory Kihlstrom as Larry Jones designee.
- II. Motion was made by Chuck Mercer to accept the January 20, 2006 minutes as presented and a second from Ms. Lori Forrer. Motion passed 7-0
- III. Duane Jasheway, Chief Accountant for the Treasurer's Office, presented the Board's financial statements through January 31, 2006. The Chairman requested that the fund balances be stated as the Board members would need this information shortly.

Chairman Berry advised that after today's cost recovery approvals, the CMRS carriers would no longer be eligible for cost recovery and that PSAP'S would no longer be eligible for phase 2 reimbursements based on the change in the state law that was effective June 30, 2006. He also reminded the members that the monthly rate reduction was approved last month and then asked Ken Lowden to explain PSAP and Wireless Carrier cost recovery. Mr. Lowden advised that the committee had reviewed submittals from 18 PSAP'S and would only recommend approval of 14. The 4 PSAP'S not recommended for cost recovery are because 3 PSAP'S did not pay their costs prior to June 30, 2005 and one was a duplicate. The staff is recommending PSAP cost recovery approval in the amount of \$1,349,218.39. We had 8 carriers submit for phase 1 cost recovery and 3 submittals for phase 2 cost recoveries. The staff is recommending Phase 1 cost recovery be approved for 7 of 8 carriers in the amount of \$1,901,009.92 and approve all 3 carriers requesting phase 2 cost recovery in the amount of \$939,598.84. The staff is not able to explain the reason for the one non-approved CMRS denial based on the propriety and confidentially rules.

The Chairman explained the need for a transfer of funds prior to cost recovery approval. Duane Jasheway recommended a transfer of \$2,000,000.00 from the CMRS sub-account to the Phase 2 sub-account. The Chairman also explained that funds would need to be reallocated once we know the final account totals after all the 65 cents fees are received. It may be June until we know for sure the final account balances. Discussion was then held about the PSAP'S that were not recommended for cost recovery and Chairman Berry explained the reasons and also advised that he had spoken with David Sheibels, the Porter County 911 director prior to the meeting.

Jim Alexander made a motion to transfer 2 Million dollars from the CMRS sub-account to the Phase 2 sub-account. Lori Forrer provided the second to the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Harold Williams made a motion to approve the staff recommendation of \$1,901,009.92 in CMRS Phase 1 cost recovery, \$939,598.84 in CMRS Phase 2 cost recovery and \$1,349,218.39 in PSAP cost recovery. The motion was seconded by Jerry Branock. Motion passed 7-0

IV. Chairman Berry then introduced Mark Grady from INdigital. Mark provided the Board with an update on the Wireless Direct project and passed out a written report to the Board members. The G1 network is about 85% complete. Everything is going well with Embarq (Sprint), Verizon and ATT/SBC in regards to the G1 network. However the G2 network is a separate story. Things are moving along with Verizon and Embarq (Sprint) with G2 but ATT/SBC is a another story. We are attempting to work with ATT/SBC but it has been, and continues to be a challenge. We hope to work through the issues very soon but it has been difficult. We are working on a trial district with ATT/SBC. We are seeing live wireless 911 traffic over the G1 network. The calls are peaking at about 450 calls on the weekend but we are still adding carriers and PSAP'S to the network.

Jim Alexander asked Mr. Grady about the new carrier in Indianapolis. Mr. Grady reported the new carrier was present at the meeting and they were working with INdigital to get the required 911 up and running.

Jerry Branock then asked if INdigital had received any feedback from the PSAP'S about the new network. Mr. Grady reported that all feedback had been positive. Mr. Grady explained that INdigital had done some root cause analysis on some failed calls. They found the problem was located at the PSAP or the ILEC router. In all cases the reported trouble was forwarded to the appropriate ILEC. The trouble appeared to be internal router issues in regards to how the routers were configured. Mr. Lowden reported he was receiving very good positive feedback from both PSAP'S and wireless carriers concerning the one throat to choke concept.

- V. Chairman Berry reported the next Board meeting is not scheduled yet. We will be waiting on the final accounting of the funds before the next Board Meeting is scheduled unless we need an emergency meeting. It most likely will be in late June or July.
- VI. There being no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.